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SAMPLE CHAMBERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.